## VIII. Congressional Notification

The final regulations published today are subject to the Congressional notification requirements of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act 1996. The Office of Management and Budget has determined that the final regulations do not constitute a "major rule" under the Act (5 USC 801, 804). DOE will report to Congress on the promulgation of the final regulations prior to the effective date set forth at the beginning of this notice.

Issued at Golden, Colorado, February 28, 1997.

J.M. Shafer,

Administrator.

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# ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

[OPPTS-140256; FRL-5593-5]

Access to Confidential Business Information by Hampshire Research Associates, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA). **ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its contractor, Hampshire Research Associates, Inc. (HRA), of Alexander, Virginia, for access to information which has been submitted to EPA under section 8 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

**DATES:** Access to the confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than March 21, 1997.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E–545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554–1404, TDD: (202) 554–0551; e-mail: TSCA-

Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under contract number 7W–0244–NASA, contractor HRA, of 1600 Cameron St., Alexandria, VA, will assist the Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) in generating a report that contains data aggregates and comparisons among chemicals and chemical groups collected from the Inventory Update Reports for 1986, 1990, and 1994.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA contract number 7W–0244–NASA, HRA will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under section 8 of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract. HRA personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under section 8 of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be CBI.

In a previous notice published in the Federal Register of January 19, 1993 (58 FR 4992; FRL-4182-8), under contract number 68–D2–0064, HRA was authorized for access to CBI submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under section 8 of TSCA that EPA may provide HRA access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at EPA Headquarters. Before access to TSCA CBI is authorized at HRA, EPA will approve their security certification statement.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under this contract may continue until September 30, 1997.

HRA personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security procedures before they are permitted access to TSCA CBI.

## List of Subjects

Environmental protection, Access to confidential business information.

Dated: March 3, 1997.

Oscar Morales,

Acting Director, Information Management Division, Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics.

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## [OPPTS-140255; FRL-5593-4]

Access to Confidential Business Information by PRC Environmental Management, Inc.

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: EPA has authorized its contractor, PRC Environmental Management, Inc. (PRC), of Chicago, Illinois, access to information which has been submitted to EPA under all sections of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). Some of the information may be claimed or determined to be confidential business information (CBI).

**DATES:** Access to the confidential data submitted to EPA will occur no sooner than March 21, 1997.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan Hazen, Director, Environmental Assistance Division (7408), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, Rm. E–545, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, (202) 554–1404, TDD: (202) 554–0551; e-mail: TSCA-Hotline@epamail.epa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under contract number 68–W4–0004, contractor PRC, of 200 East Randolph Drive, Chicago, IL, will assist the Office of Waste and Chemicals Management and Regional Offices RCRA Enforcement, Permitting and Assistance Programs in the implementation of RCRA/TSCA related initiatives. Major areas of support include permitting activities, Subtitle D solid waste, corrective actions and RCRA program planning.

In accordance with 40 CFR 2.306(j), EPA has determined that under EPA contract number 68–W4–0004, PRC will require access to CBI submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA to perform successfully the duties specified under the contract. PRC personnel will be given access to information submitted to EPA under all sections of TSCA. Some of the information may be claimed or determined CBI.

EPA is issuing this notice to inform all submitters of information under all sections of TSCA that EPA may provide PRC access to these CBI materials on a need-to-know basis only. All access to TSCA CBI under this contract will take place at PRC's sites located at 200 East Randolph Drive, Suite 4700, Chicago, IL; One Union Square 600 University St., Suite 800, Seattle, WA; 1 Dallas Center, 350 North St. Paul St., Suite 2600, Dallas, TX; and 1099 18th St., Suite 1960, Denver, Co.

PRC will be authorized access to TSCA CBI at their facilities under the EPA TSCA Confidential Business Information Security Manual. Before access to TSCA CBI is authorized at PRC's sites, EPA will approve PRC's security certification statements, perform the required inspection of its facilities, and ensure that the facilities are in compliance with the manual. Upon completing review of the CBI materials, PRC will return all transferred materials to EPA.

Clearance for access to TSCA CBI under this contract may continue until December 31, 1998.

PRC personnel will be required to sign nondisclosure agreements and will be briefed on appropriate security